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Election of six members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/8 of 1 November 1995, the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed substantive session of 1995, held elections to fill the vacancies in the new Executive Board of the World Food Programme.

2. Also in resolution 50/8, the General Assembly decided that the Executive Board would comprise 36 members elected from among the States Members of the United Nations or the States members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and also decided that the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations would elect 18 members each, as set forth in paragraph 2 of the resolution.

3. At its organizational session for 1996, the Council drew lots to determine the terms of office of the elected members of the Executive Board.

4. At its resumed organizational session for 1996, the Council will have to elect six members of the Executive Board, for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1997, to fill the vacancies that will occur on 31 December 1996 upon the expiration of the terms of the following members: Angola, Dominican Republic, Japan, Philippines, Uganda and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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5. The new members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Two members from African States;
One member from Asian States;
One member from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Two members from Western European and other States.

6. The current membership of the Executive Board is given in the annex below.

Annex

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

Membership in 1996

Five seats for African States

Angola (1966)*, Cameroon (1998), Mauritania (1997), Tunisia (1998), Uganda (1996)*

Four seats for Asian States

India (1998), Indonesia (1997), Pakistan (1997), Philippines (1996)*

One seat for Eastern European States

Hungary (1997)

Two seats for Latin American and Caribbean States

Dominican Republic (1996)*, Paraguay (1998)

Six seats for Western European and other States

Finland (1998), Italy (1997), Japan (1996)*, Norway (1997), Sweden (1998), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1996)*

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* Retiring member.